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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND JORDANIAN FORCES IN SYRIA

REF: A. AMMAN 5710

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1. TWICE THIS WEEK IN CONTEXT OTHER CONVERSATIONS
PRIMIN MEIR HAS VOICED PUZZLEMENT TO ME
ABOUT CONTINUATION OF JORDANIAN PRESENCE IN SYRIA. AS
SHE EXPLAINED, ISRAEL HAD HOPED THAT COMPLETE SILENCE
ON SYRIAN FRONT, PLUS JORDAN'S OWN ACCEPTANCE OF
CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION AND PRIOR EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE
WOULD HAVE PROVIDED KING HUSSEIN BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL.
MRS MEIR, AND OTHER ISRAELI LEADERS MILITARY AND CIVILIAN,
HAVE CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE OVER IDF'S ABILITY
TO CONTAIN ANY RENEWED ATTACKS BY ARABS IN SYRIA. CERTAINLY,
UNDER PRESENT AND FORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE
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IDF DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTACK; AMONG OTHER REASONS, SUCH
AN ISRAELI ACTION WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF CREATING IRAQI-SYRIAN
UNITED FRONT, AND ISRAELIS ARE QUITE AWARE OF CURRENT
SUSPICIONS AND GROWING DISTRUST BETWEEN IRAQ AND SYRIA AND THEY

LIKE IT THIS WAY.

2. I AM CERTAIN, THEREFORE, ISRAEL WANTS JORDANIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM SYRIA SIMPLY OUT OF DESIRE TO MINIMIZE TO GREATEST POSSIBLE EXTENT ANY CONCEIVABLE CHANCE OF FUTURE ISRAEL-JORDANIAN CLASHES, AND NOT BECAUSE OF AN ISRAELI DESIRE TO SEE ARAB FORCES ON SYRIAN FRONT WEAKENED FOR PURPOSES OF SOME FUTURE MILITARY CONGINENCY THRE.

3. AMB BROWN IS FREE TO DRAW ON THIS CABLE AS HE WISHES IN HIS TALKS WITH JORDANIANS, IF HE FEELS IT WILL HELP THEM MAKE UP THEIR MIND TO WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM SYRIA.

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